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ADDITIONAL AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Communication of September 3, 2003, which has a shortened statutory period of one month, and is timely filed.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

A first amendment and response to the final Office Action was filed on June 2, 2003. An Advisory Action was filed on June 24, 2003 in reply, which stated that the first amendment and response to the final Office Action would not be entered because it would require further consideration and searching. Accordingly, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) was filed on July 15, 2003. Subsequently, an additional Office Communication was filed on September 3, 2003 in response to the RCE, which stated that the RCE was not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because the filed amendment causes a "switching of inventions" that is not permitted under RCE practice. However, the Examiner stated that because the submission appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to provide a complete reply to the prior Office Action (i.e., the final Office Action), the Applicant is given a shortened statutory period of one month from the mailing of that Office Communication to submit a complete reply. The Examiner further stated



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